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County Expected to Add Equipment to Needles Hospital

SAN BERNARDINO – The purchase of important equipment for the operating room at the Colorado River Medical Center in Needles is expected to be approved Tuesday by the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors.

“I have been a strong supporter of the Needles hospital, and I am happy to provide funding to help provide badly needed equipment for its operating room,” said First District Supervisor Brad Mitzelfelt, who represents the area and proposed the funding.

The city of Needles assumed management of CRMC on April 1. The hospital serves the tri-state area of Arizona, California and Nevada, and provides vital healthcare services to the 5,700 residents of Needles and the surrounding communities. The majority of the population served by CRMC is on Medicare or Medi-Cal. In addition, nearby Indian tribes along the Colorado River depend on the hospital for services.

When the city assumed operation of the hospital, an inventory was conducted and the operating room was found to be in desperate need of important equipment.

Supervisor Mitzelfelt is asking the Board for authorization to use \$131,860 from his district discretionary funds to cover the cost of two operating tables, three gurneys, a video bronchoscope and two scopes.

“This facility is important to the safety and quality of life of residents in Needles and the surrounding areas, not to mention the millions of travelers who pass through the area,” added Mitzelfelt.